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1. Official price list:

- a. Saw Mill refuse for fuel
(coniferous trees) - 120 zlotys per meter.
- b. Laths- pine and spruce - 250 zlotys " "
- c. Hard wood laths - 350-400 zl. " "
(may only be sold to furniture factories, barrel makers,
crate makers and other similar state institutions.)
- d. Branches (bundles) - 75 zlotys per bundle.

2. Sawn timber price list:Soft sawn timber class I and II, Class III (joiners):-

Boards: 2,400 zlotys per square meter.

Boards of an inferior quality (Class IV and V) 1,600 zlotys per square meter.

3. Boards are sent to the State Timber Agency (PAGD) in Wroclaw (Breslau) which buys them (on a commission basis), stores them and then sells them to other state firms.

There is a branch of the PAGD in every large town in Poland, attached to the State Forestry Office. There are sub-sections in towns and localities where there are numerous saw-mills and timber stores.

Private persons are not authorized to purchase joiners' and carpenters' material unless they have secured a permit from the Ministry of Forests.

4. Timber prices on the Black Market in Poland are as follows:

Boards, per square meter: 7,000 - 8,000 zlotys.

There is no demand for boards in Silesia, because the Germans have left large stocks behind.

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